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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) & (b) There is no marketing federation in Coimbatore district. There is a jaggery marketing society at Kunnathur, Erode Circle. The by-laws of this society provide that only persons belonging to the tapper community and representatives of the Primary Jaggery Societies shall be eligible to become its members. So a person who owns ' Thoppu ' cannot become an individual member of the marketing society but he can become a member by getting himself elected as a delegate of any of the affiliated primaries to the marketing society. He will then be eligible for election as a President."

Construction of bridges over the ferries at Panamaram and Manantoddy in Wynaad taluk, Malabar.

* 1284 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government have decided to construct bridges over the ferries at Panamaram and Manantoddy in Wynaad taluk in Malabar?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Question No. 1306 may also be taken along with this question, Sir.

" The Government have already sanctioned the construction of a bridge over the Panamaram river at mile 10/2 of the Manantoddy-Panamaram road. The bridge over the Manantoddy river could not be sanctioned yet as the available resources are barely adequate for schemes already sanctioned."

Construction of bridges over Panamaram and Manantoddy rivers in Wynaad, North Malabar.

* 1306 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state why the construction of bridges over Panamaram and Manantoddy rivers in Wynaad, North Malabar, was not taken up last year, though provision was made in the budget for the work?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The bridge over the Panamaram river could not be taken up last year as the detailed estimate for the work was still under preparation. No provision has so far been made in the Budget for the Manantoddy bridge as it has not yet been sanctioned by the Government."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" A tender for the construction of the Panamaram bridge was offered this year and it was subsequently suspended. May I know if it was given afterwards? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It has been sanctioned this year."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" As the hon. Member Sri Narayana Kurup mentioned, the tender has been suspended and there has been a lot of agitation over the matter. Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to look into the matter and start the work soon? May I also know whether the Hon. Minister will be pleased to see that a bridge is constructed over the Manantoddy river? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The suspension, if any, was due to the fact that there had been some representation about the selection of the site for the construction of the bridge. Finally, it has been settled. That is what the Chief Engineer now says. With regard to the bridge over the Manantoddy river, we shall consider the proposal."

Construction of a bridge to ' Niduwat Thodu ' in Narath village, Chirakkal taluk.

9-30 a.m. * 1285 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the construction of a bridge to ' Niduwat Thodu ' in Narath village, Madayi firka, Chirakal taluk, has been started; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (a) & (b) The work has not yet been taken up for execution for want of funds."

Change of policy with regard to the separation of Judiciary from the Executive.

* 1286 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether any change is contemplated by the Government at present on the question of the Separation of the Executive from the Judiciary after the formation of the new Cabinet?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No change of policy is contemplated."

Expenditure incurred on the staff appointed to enforce the Madras Shops and Establishments Act, 1947.

* 1287 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of officers appointed under the provisions of the Madras Shops and Establishments Act, 1947; and

(b) the expenses incurred in the year 1952 on that account in the State?